



Local League at Muskogee, which is entertaining the National League.

#### PROF. J. T. WEST.

The subject of this sketch is Prof. J. T. West, principal of the colored schools at Claremore, Okla.

Prof. West was born in Waynesboro, Tenn., April 11, 1886. He attended public school there until 1901, and then entered the Walden University in Nashville, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1910. The same year he went to Grand Chain, Ill., and was elected principal of the city schools there. After one year he came to Oklahoma, locating at Chelsea, and was engaged in school work there one year. In 1912, he went to Claremore, where he was elected principal of the colored schools, which position he still holds. Yet a young man, a little more than

28 years of age and unmarried, Prof. West has made himself a power among the educators of Oklahoma. He was one of the instructors in the joint normal held at Muskogee in 1912, where ten counties were united in normal work. In 1915, he conducted the Rogers, Wagoner and Tulsa county normals at Claremore, and was employed this year as an instructor in the branch normal of the Langston university-state normal at Muskogee as professor of science. Prof. West is also an excellent vocalist. He was the leading tenor singer of his school. He is chairman of the executive committee of the Northeast District Teachers' association, and member of the executive committee of the Colored State Teachers' association.

his own quarter section of land and December 25, 1913, he married Miss Ollie Wolf, of Fort Worth, Texas. The happy couple live upon their own land, which is unincumbered, and is easily worth \$15,000. They have all the cattle, horses, implements, etc., necessary for their farm purposes, and while yet young people they have made a start in life, which gives them exceptional advantages over many people much older.

#### H. T. HUTTON.

The subject of this sketch is H. T. Hutton, a successful business man of Sapulpa. Mr. Hutton was born in Lyness county, Mississippi, November 16, 1876. He attended private school and the Southern Christian University four years, after which he taught school, later learning the art of cooking. He was in the employ of the Frisco railroad as chef on a private car. He has traveled extensively and has seen much of the world. A few years ago he located at Sapulpa, after giving up the railroad service, to devote his time to fraternal work in Oklahoma. He is secretary-treasurer of the endowment department of the Knights and Ladies of Harmony in this state, which office he has filled with honor and credit for three years. In October, 1913, he opened a grocery store at Sapulpa in partnership

strong was born near Montgomery, Ala., in 1883, upon a farm 16 miles from that place. His father was Isaac Armstrong and his mother was named Martha. These were good Christian people of the old southern type, who believed in honest labor and a clean life. In their humble way, they did all they could for their son who started out in life in the country school near his home. Leaving home, he attended Tuskegee school two terms and three terms in the normal school of his native state. He taught three terms in the public school of Montgomery county, and was after this ordained a minister in the A. M. E. Zion church, for which denomination he preached three years. Immediately before coming to Oklahoma in 1907.

Locating at Luther, he opened an ice cream parlor, which he conducted one year upon its original plan, until he began to add assortment and variety to his stock. Today he can boast that he owns the largest department store in Luther, with about 30 per cent of his trade among the leading white people in his community. His sales of flour average about a carload per month. He employs six busy clerks in his store.

Mr. Armstrong and his father each own a farm in Alabama and the two own another Alabama farm. He also owns about 23 head of graded cattle, with land in Alabama and Oklahoma worth about \$35,000; a home in Luther and a \$13,000 stock, with sales last year amounting to \$37,000. Mr. Armstrong carries life insurance of \$5,000. His wife was a native of Missouri, Miss Daisy Johnson, to whom he was married in September, 1910.

It is said he started business on one glass and three lemons.



#### REUBEN MORRISON.

Reuben Morrison of Bristow, Okla., was born July 4, 1863, at Humboldt, Kan. In 1865, his parents moved with him to the Indian Territory, where he has lived ever since. Their first location was at Taft, nine miles west of Muskogee, where they lived until 1898, when they moved to Creek county, settling at Bristow, their present home. In 1894, Mr. Morrison was married to Miss Julia McIntosh. As a result of this union, 11 children, seven boys and four girls (each of whom, but one, own 160 acres) were born. They now have 1,000 acres in their own right, valued at \$30,000. Mrs. Morrison died October 19, last. Mr. Morrison is a successful farmer

and stock raiser. He has a beautiful home, a typical country home, with plenty of hogs, cows and chickens. He is an upright Christian gentleman and a loyal race man.

#### ARTHUR ROBERTS.

Arthur Roberts is the oldest son of J. B. Roberts of Bristow, Okla. He was born in Muskogee, then Indian Territory, September 13, 1859. He lived with his parents until he was 9 years old, when he moved to Creek county, settling at Bristow with his father, who filed his land there. Mr. Roberts attended school for Creek Freedmen, and afterward at Langston university.

After leaving school, he settled on

with Y. K. Yates, a young man of Sapulpa, who was born at Corinth, Miss., October 19, 1884. Mr. Yates' parents moved to Texas when he was a small boy, later moving to the Indian Territory. He learned the boiler-making trade at Tuskegee. He went to Sapulpa in 1909 and in 1911 married Miss Susie Owens, a Texas girl. Together these young men are forging to the front in the business world. They have built up a very good trade for their business and both stand well in this community. Both Mr. Hutton and Mr. Yates are property owners. Mr. Hutton is unmarried.

#### J. T. ARMSTRONG.

In the person of J. T. Armstrong of Luther, Okla., we have an example of the possibilities of a poor man in the great and growing west. Mr. Arm-



The above is the likeness of Dr. W. B. Humphreys, a prominent physician of Sapulpa, Okla. Dr. Humphreys was born at Port Gibson, Miss., July 25, 1881. He lived there with his parents till he was 18 years old, attending school. He graduated from the high school there, and the State Normal at Natchez, Miss., later taking collegiate and academic courses in the Central Tennessee College. He is a graduate of the Rochester Business College of Rochester, N. Y., and gradu-

ated from the Mahary Medical College in the class of 1907. He went to Fort Smith, Ark., after graduating and spent one and a half years in the practice there. In 1909, he located at Sapulpa, Okla., where he now lives, enjoying a very large practice.

Since moving to Sapulpa he has bought considerable property, both residence and business lots, and has accumulated a nice bank account. On January 2, 1911, he married Miss Maud Scott, of Holly Springs, Miss., who is now queen of his household. For two years, Dr. Humphreys was the Grand Protector of the Knights and Ladies of Harmony in this state and is now president of the Colored State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association of Oklahoma. He is also president of the local Business Men's League. He is probably worth \$25,000.

#### THE CASE OF "GOVERNOR FIELDS."

A few days ago, at Ardmore, the Honorable John Field, standard bearer of the Republican party—season 1914—for himself and the G. O. P. declared that the "Jim Crow" law and the "Grandfather clause" as operated at present, suits him and the party EXACTLY. This is the platform the Republican voter will have to endorse in Oklahoma, to be in line with his party.

Interpreted, this means that Negroes are not particularly wanted in the Republican party this year, and this campaign will be made upon the usual southern "mossback" principles which until now have been confined to the Democratic party in Dixieland.

Does Mr. Fields know that his policy is absolutely un-Republican and no member of that party can subscribe to these principles and be consistent with the principles and policies which have made that party? The fact is, the policy endorsed by Mr. Fields at Ardmore is no longer encouraged by the better element of the Democratic party. Fair-minded people know that such a policy, in a republican form of government cannot endure; that its ultimate effects are dangerous to its citizenship. The people of Oklahoma do not think of the expression of Mr. Fields as being a serious declaration of platform for his party in Oklahoma. Instead, they will discredit his honesty as the great, clean, progressive and intellectual party leader he has so often been declared through his campaign managers.

C. N. Haskell ran four years ago upon his record as a regulator of the conditions between the races; along with him, in the same campaign, was Fred Branson, who ran upon his record by colored people in the state, clause; Leslie Niblack, editor of the Guthrie Leader, organ of mossback Democracy, upon an anti-Negro platform; and Roman Pruett, rabid Negro-hater from Texas, upon the same platform. All these men made speeches throughout the state, in every school, every church, at every picnic, in every court house, in every southern county seat. They were men, all of them, who were popular personally with their party. Each of them had been honored by their party. They made a race upon their past records, which Fields has endorsed the Democratic had been applauded by the fellows of their own ilk, but when they came before the people for their approval, they were left at home—defeated by a very large vote. In the verdict of the people, justice and right won by 30,000 votes in the state. Might does not make right, and if Mr. Fields will follow closely the platform he had already outlined for himself and the Republican party, he will find, in November, that his arguments, along that line, will make votes for his opponent and the Democratic party generally.

Simmered down to real facts, Mr. ord as "Father of the Grandfather up" with the Democratic party and killed his chances, if he ever had any, for being governor of Oklahoma.

Mark the prediction that John Fields, under the direction of Arthur Glessler, will swell the Democratic majority, with Bob Williams, a very weak candidate, running against Fields. Fields is not right. Fields is not honest with his party, although he may be with himself.

We begin to believe that General Sharman woefully understated the case.

Some of the most persistent loafers always have the appearance of being busy men.